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LANE ANNOUNCES HE IS NOT A CANDIDATE SIMON IS THE REPUBLICAN PARTY'S CHOICE

PRESENT EXECUTIVE ISSUES OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLE

Declares He Is Tired of Politics and Will Not Permit Democrats to Place His Name on Ticket—Decision Is Great Surprise to His Many Friends.

3 p. m.—Joseph Simon was nominated mayor of Portland at 2:30 o'clock by the Republican convention.

Mayor Lane will not be a candidate for reelection at the coming city election.

This decision, which is declared to be positive and irrevocable, was made known through a public statement to the people of Portland, given out by Mayor Lane this morning. The news was given to the public through a Journal extra and created a sensation, as it had been the general expectation that Lane would be a candidate for another term.

For many weeks Republican politicians have been asking the question, "Who is the strongest man to put up against Lane?" Lane's popularity with the rank and file of the voters is recognized on every hand and many shrewd observers of the situation have expressed the belief that he would be re-elected, no matter whom the Republicans nominated against him.

So general was the expectation that Mayor Lane would enter the lists for a reelection that no other Democrat has been seriously considered as a possible candidate for the office. It is now a grave question whether the party can put forward any other candidate who would have a reasonable chance of success.

It is expected that Lane's withdrawal will greatly intensify the struggle for the Republican nomination for mayor in the primaries, which will be held May 9. With Lane out of the running, the Republican nominee's chances of election will be vastly increased. It is possible, of course, that the Democrats may put forward some candidate of such strength as to make him a formidable competitor to the Republican nominee, but it is also possible that there may be one or more independent candidates in the field seeking election on a citizens' ticket.

"Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof," said Mayor Lane this morning, when asked for a statement of his future plans. Beyond an intimation that he expected to resume his medical practice and devote his whole time to it as soon as his term expires, the mayor would say nothing. "My reasons are set forth in my letter," he added, "and that is all I care to say now."

Mayor Lane's letter is as follows: "Portland, Ore., April 7.—To the People of the City of Portland.—Having been informed that there is some question as to whether or not I am a candidate as well as others, whom I have neither the pleasure nor honor of being able to claim as such, and who will enter into the contest for reelection next June, I would respectfully state that I will not do so.

I freely concede that I do not know

whether or not I will be asked to run again, and that I realize that any declaration of a gift which has not been tendered is somewhat out of place, though perhaps not entirely so in this instance.

"I also concede that my retirement from the office is not a matter of sufficient importance in either one way or another or in anywise to be a cause of regret to the city, myself or any one else.

"Whether my services during the past four years have in any way been of profit to you or not, I am not prepared to say; of one thing alone can I assure you, and that is, that I have at no time swerved or faltered in my allegiance to you, and only as time goes by and we can look back and take a retrospective view of the happenings of the past will we be able to determine whether it has or not. Let us then take that view of it, without prejudice one way or the other, and on the decision which time alone can render let us rest the case.

"The office which I hold is one of

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OREGON SCHOOLS TAKE INTEREST

Will Send Fine Exhibits of Work to Seattle Exposition.

County School Superintendent Robinson returned this morning from a trip through eastern Oregon in the interests of the Oregon educational exhibit for the A.-Y.-P. fair. Mr. Robinson, who is superintendent of the exhibit, visited Pendleton, Ladwanda, Baker City and other towns and he says the progress of the work in that section of Oregon is gratifying.

Baker City at first hesitated about sending an exhibit on account of the expense. After a talk with Multnomah county's bustling superintendent, the board of directors of the eastern Oregon city fell in line and now promise to add materially to the collection got together by Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Robinson will go on a trip through southern Oregon next week and the work will be over. He will spend the rest of his time in the work from Portland. Specimens for the book collection are expected to be sent here by the first week in May and the cabinet displays are to be sent direct to Seattle from the various towns in the section in May or as soon thereafter as possible.

STANDARD HUMORIST CRACKS CHEAP JOKES, BUT HE'S COMPOSED

(United Press Leased Wire.)
St. Louis, Mo., April 7.—"I see neither revolution if the Standard wins nor industrial anarchy and mob rule if the government wins," said John C. Milburn of New York, one of the leading counsel for the Standard Oil company in the federal suit to dissolve the big oil trust, before the case opened today. "I have not begun to see ghastly perils," he added, hitting the long ivory cigar holder from which protruded his thin black Havana cigar that is his constant companion. Smiling comfortably, he explained:

"When a man begins to feel like that and see things, he ought to take a little blue pill. Disorderly lives instead of well grounded apprehension of probable events give rise to such warnings of revolution against trust rule and further slavery of the people to big corporations."

Milburn is a big man, perfectly dressed, with the air of having been well fed and well dressed all his life. In the early part of the case, his chief duty in the courtroom seemed to be to show amusement at the methods and contentions of the counsel for the gov-



Mayor Harry Lane, Who Has Withdrawn From Race.

FALLS DEAD ON STREET CORNER

Albert T. Willis, Mining Engineer, Is a Victim of Heart Disease.

Albert T. Willis, who was a mining engineer by profession, but who had of late been an agent for the Fidelity Mutual Aid association, dropped dead of heart disease this morning at the corner of Sixth and Stark streets. Willis had but few friends here, as he had been here only a few months. His father, according to papers found on Willis, is somewhere in New York, but no definite information can be secured.

Willis had just recovered from an attack of heart trouble which had kept him confined to his room at 171 West Park for two weeks and had again taken up the sale of insurance. The landlady and several of the guests at the place where he boarded had noticed that he had not been looking very well of late, but thought nothing serious was the matter with him.

While walking down Sixth street this morning, Willis was seized with another attack of heart trouble and died on the spot. A doctor was called and pronounced him dead. Dunning, McEntee & Gilbaugh took charge of the body and are trying to locate his relatives in the east. He had no relatives here.

HARRIMAN BUYS UP BRENDLE'S ADDITION FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY

For the purpose of straightening its main line and Puget sound extension west from the steel bridge, the O. R. & N. has, it is reported, secured an option on all of Brendle's addition, adjoining the Astoria shops grounds on the southeast. The addition consists of 20 lots, mostly built up with small brick and frame structures.

The report goes that representatives of the O. R. & N. have for some weeks been looking over the property and have now tied up the whole addition, the total purchase price being between \$75,000 and \$80,000. Between the Portland Flouring mills and the east approach to the steel bridge the tracks of the O. R. & N. will be necessary to purchase a strip of land on Railroad avenue considerable time will be saved both in speed and distance.

As a part of this plan and to complete the straightening of the tracks, it will be necessary to purchase a strip through three blocks between Larabee and Railroad streets.

WHEAT AGAIN SOARS FOR PATTEN

Reaches \$1.25 3-4, Higher by 4-14 Cents Than 1905
Bulge—Patten Sells 500,000 Bushels; Skims \$100,000 to \$300,000.

Chicago, April 7.—After one of the most exciting sessions of recent years, May wheat closed today at \$1.25 3-4, which is 4 1/4 points above the highest mark reached during the famous Gates corner in 1905, and James A. Patten, who led the trading, is believed to have cleared from \$100,000 to \$300,000 in profits for the day. Despite the heavy profit taking sales by the Patten interests the market retained its strength. After 10 o'clock it was hammered down from \$1.25 3/4 to \$1.24 1/4, but the backing was strong and after some wavering prices began to improve toward the close, reaching the phe-

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TEN FISHING VESSELS LOST

**Forty Fishermen Perish in
Terrific Storm That
Sweeps Baltic.**

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Berlin, April 7.—Ten fishing vessels founded during the terrific gale which swept the Baltic off the German coast today and 40 fishermen are known to have perished. A mountainous sea is running, rendering impossible any attempt to rescue the survivors. The storm, accompanied by a driving rain, swept down on the little fleet with appalling suddenness. It was followed by a heavy mist, making it impossible to secure further communication with the open sea.

Berlin, April 7.—According to dispatches received today by the Lokal Anzeiger, an iceflo on which 1500 Russian fishermen were working, near Riga, was driven toward the open sea today by a heavy wind and only 37 were able to escape. One version of the report says the iceflo broke up far out at sea and that all of the 1450 men who had been unable to get ashore were drowned. Another dispatch says the ice is still drifting far out at sea and that scores of fishermen have fallen into the ocean and drowned. Several boats have put out to follow the ice, and if possible, to rescue the fishermen. It is reported that the men were fishing from the ice rack when it broke loose from the mass and was carried to sea by the winds, currents and tide.

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OLD TIME PARTY LEADER IN COMPLETE CONTROL



Joseph Simon, Probable Republican Candidate for Mayor.

His Friends Take Charge at Fall of Gavel, and Slate Is Put Through Without a Break—All Old War Horses Participate in Proceedings.

..... the notes of his speech out of his vest pocket with the other hand.
Merely Advisory Meeting.
Mr. Manley said that the gathering was assembled for the purpose of outlining and adopting a party platform, of drafting resolutions and of naming candidates for the various offices to be filled by the vote of the people. He called attention to the fact that the gathering was merely an advisory meeting and conceded that the primary law and the primary election governed the nominations for office. The meeting was not a convention, he said, but merely a gathering for suggestion.
The city central committee secured legal advice, Mr. Manley said, and decided that the gathering could be held to advise the voters. He then said that it would be in order to elect a temporary chairman and a temporary secretary.
G. W. Stapleton placed Ralph E. Moody in nomination for the temporary chairmanship. George Streeter seconded the nomination and moved that the nominations be closed. This motion received the unanimous vote of the assembly. As soon as Moody reached the platform Manley made his exit from the stage and took his place in the body of the delegates.

Chairman Moody's Speech.
Chairman Moody made a short address in assuming charge of the meeting. He said that it was an assembly of Republicans gathered to select the names of men qualified to serve in the various city offices. The gathering should be conducted in a dignified and should be actuated by a desire to uphold the city. There should be no money and each delegate should go from home to support the nominees of the convention. They should do this in order to support the city.

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WHO IS YOUR CHOICE FOR MAYOR?
Voters of Portland are invited to fill out the accompanying coupon and mail it to the Editor of The Journal. Name your choice for mayor, no matter whether he be a Republican or Democrat.
VOTE ONLY ONCE.
My choice for mayor of Portland for the coming term is.....
(Signed).....

CHINESE POST TENDERED FULTON

President Taft Offers to Make Oregon's Former Senator Minister at Peking—Fulton Asks Time to Consider Acceptance.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, April 7.—It is learned today that President Taft has offered Charles W. Fulton, former senator from Oregon, the position of envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to China. Fulton asked 10 days in which to consider. This action by the president finally disposes of the rumor that Taft would appoint Fulton to a federal judgeship.

SENATE TO SAVE THE LUMBERMEN

Expected to Hold \$2 Rate—Middle West Murmuring—Price of Concession.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, April 7.—The lumber lobby now expresses confidence that the senate will restore the existing \$2 duty on rough lumber, the house having voted to retain the Payne bill provision for a duty of \$1. It was confidently believed up to an hour before voting yesterday that free lumber would win. The lumbermen put forth herculean exertions over night, after the rule had been adopted for a separate vote on lumber, sending telegrams all over the country praying for "help immediately." It was promised members from lumber states that if the house voted for free lumber the senate would restore it to the dutiable list, and in that way the leaders induced the lumber state members to support the article, so that now that the house has supported the \$1 duty, the lobby is confident it can get the \$2 rate restored.

Although members from the lumber states rejoice to see the duty upheld, the common talk here is that if the Payne bill fails to carry free lumber it will mean disaster to the Republican party throughout the middle west, which strongly demands free lumber. Senator Cummins of Iowa and Representative Tawney of Minnesota have been quoted as asserting that the next house would be Democratic if lumber was not placed on the free list.
The claim is made today that the operations of the lumber industry in relation to the lumber schedule may mean that the Payne bill will carry higher average rates than the Dingley bill, as concessions to the lumbermen will make it necessary that they make concessions to members representing other commodities, and hence they will be compelled, if they keep faith under the agreement entered into, to support higher rates on many other articles. It is claimed that in making the Payne bill the highest tariff measure ever passed by congress.

INLAND EMPIRE TAKES 115 TONS INTO LEWISTON

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Lewiston, Idaho, April 7.—Laden with 115 tons of freight, the largest cargo yet hauled, the Inland Empire steamed into Lewiston yesterday, leaving today with grain and lumber for up river points. The Twin Cities steamer will be in service next week.

HAWAII IS TO SEND FLOATS

R. W. Hoyt, president of the Portland Rose Festival association, received telegrams today from Honolulu and Oahu, one telling that the action of the festival board would probably be taken this week and the other announcing the coming of A. F. Knudsen from Hawaii, to be the director of the Hawaiian exhibit at the exposition. The latter decision would be reached soon after the first of the month.

TERRIFIC BLAST STRIKES TOLEDO

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Toledo, Ohio, April 7.—Scores were injured and damage amounting to thousands of dollars was done by a terrific hurricane that struck this city at 9 o'clock last night. It is impossible to estimate the extent of the loss or property. No deaths or fatal injuries have been reported.
The roof of the main building of the Toledo Massillon Bridge company was lifted from its walls and dropped a broken and twisted mass of timber and debris into the building. The damage to the building is estimated at \$250,000.